snag does not persist. At the corporate level, the punctuality of services is closely monitored on a daily basis.

In each Region, a meeting to evaluate the reliability of systems for the aircraft based in that Region is held periodically. In this meeting the Defect rate of various aircraft systems is studied and analysed. In the case of an increase either the Time Between Overhaul is reduced or modifications are carried out in consultation with the manufacturer and the DGCA.

(e) Indian Airlines has provided new airlinks, increased frequency and added new stations in the North-East as under :

	New Airlinks	Date of Introduction
1.	Silchar/Agartala/Silchar	15-04-2003
2.	Guwahati/Aizawl/Guwahati	05-04-2003
3.	Kolkata/Shillong/Kolkata	07-04-2003
4.	Dimapur/Guwahati/Dimapur	02-01-2003
5.	Patna/Bagdogra	25-04-2002
6.	Patna/Guwahati	25-04-2002
7.	Guwahati/Lilabari	09-10-2002
8.	Kolkata/Gaya	18-12-2002
	Increase in frequency	Frequency
1.	Kolkata/Agartala/Kolkata	From 13 to 19
2.	Kolkata/Aizawl/Kolkata	From 03 to 06
3.	Kolkata/ Silchar/ Kolkata	From 06 to 10
4.	Silchar/Guwahati/Silchar	From 02 to 04
5.	Kolkata/Guwahati/Kolkata	From 07 to 14
6.	Guwahati/Lilabari/Guwahati	From 02 to 03
7.	Guwahati/ Agartala/Guwahati	From 03 to 07
8.	Kolkata/ Dimapur/Kolkata	From 04 to 07

New stations

Shillong

Conservation of water reserves

*556. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister for WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated strategies to conserve water reserves in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether State Governments and UTs have also been asked to conserve water reserves in their respective States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) and (b) Ministry of Environment Forests launched a scheme on Conservation and Management of Water Reserves viz. Wetlands, Mangroves and Coral Reefs during 1987. The scheme is continuing in Tenth Five year Plan. The Ministry of Environment and Forests have identified 24 wetland areas in the country for conservation and management till date. The list of such areas is given in the enclosed statement. *(See* below) Objectives of the scheme cover identification of priority areas for conservation and management and prepare policy guidelines for implementation of management action plans for these identified areas. Activities under these action plans include survey and demarcation, protection, forestation, natural regeneration, restoration, catchment area treatment, pollution control, weed control, wild life conservation, fisheries development, environmental education etc.

In addition, for conservation of water resources in the country, a large number of major and medium reservoirs providing 177 Billion Cubic Metre (BCM) of storage capacity have been created. Another 207.77 BCM of storage is likely to be created through ongoing and proposed projects.

(c) and (d) Management Action Plans for the identified wetlands, mangroves and coral reefs are implemented by the respective State Governments/ Union territories. To monitor progress of implementation of these Management Action Plans, State level Steering Committees have been constituted in all the concerned States.

The National Water policy—2002, adopted by the National Water Resources Council, also emphasizes on conservation of water. The policy provides that efficiency of utilisation in all the diverse uses of water should be optimised and an awareness of water as a scarce resource should be fostered. The policy further states that the resources should be conserved and the availability augmented by maximising retention eliminating pollution and minimising losses. The National Water Policy has been sent to all the State Governments/Union Territories for implementation. The policy also directs that each State shall formulate its own State Water Policy backed with an operational

Action Plan in a time bound manner say in two years to achieve the desired objectives of the Policy.

STATEMENT

List of wetlands

Sl. No.	Name of Wetlands	State/UT	University identified for collaboration
1.	Wullar	J & K	J & K University
2.	Tso Morari	J & K	J & K University
3.	Tisgul Tso	J & K	J & K University
4.	Renuka	Himachal Pradesh	Himachal University, Shimla
5.	Pong Dam	Himachal Pradesh	Himachal University, Shimla
6.	Chandratal	Himachal Pradesh	Himachal University, Shimla
7.	Harike	Punjab	Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana
8.	Ropar	Punjab	Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana
9.	Kanjli	Punjab	Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana
10.	Chilka	Orissa	Utkal University
11.	Kabar	Bihar	Bhagalpur University
12.	Sambhar	Rajasthan	Jodhpur University & CAZRI
13.	Kolleru	Andhra Pradesh	Osmania University
14.	Loktak	Manipur	Manipur University
15.	Ashtamudi	Kerala	Kerala University
16.	Sasthamkotta	Kerala	Kerala University
17.	Ujni	Maharashtra	Pune University
18.	Nalsarover	Gujarat	Gujarat University
19.	Deepar Beel	Assam	Guwahati University
20.	Rudrasagar	Tripura	Tripura University
21.	Hokersar	J & K	—
22.	Mansar-Surinsar	J & K	—
23.	Pangong Tsar	J & K (Ladakh)	—
24.	East Calcutta	West Bengal	—